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SUBJECT: VISA APPLICATION BY AMCIT

1. MAJID AL-REFAI HAS APPLIED TO EMBASSY FOR F-1 STUDENT VISA IN KUWAITI PASSPORT. AL-REFAI WAS BORN IN US IN 1958 OF AMCIT MOTHER AND KUWAITI FATHER. HE CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED IN MOTHER'S US PASSPORT. AL-REFAI SAYS HE IS NOT INTERESTED IN AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP AND WANTS TO ENTER US ON KUWAITI PASSPORT IN ORDER TO PROTECT HIS KUWAITI GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP.

2. CONOFF HAS SPOKEN WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHICH HAS VERBALLY INFORMED US THAT POSSESSION OF FOREIGN PASSPORT BY KUWAITI CITIZEN IS EXPATRIATING. FOREIGN MINISTRY STATED HOWEVER, IT WOULD SUBMIT QUESTION TO THEIR LEGAL SECTION, BUT WE DO NOT EXPECT EARLY OR NECESSARILY DEFINITIVE REPLY. PERTINENT SECTION OF KUWAITI NATIONALITY LAW STATES, IN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION, QUOTE:A KUWAITI WHO VOLUNTARILY CHOOSES ANOTHER NATIONALITY SHALL LOSE HIS KUWAITI NATIONALITY...UNQUOTE.

3. POST FEELS STRONGLY IT SHOULD AVOID SITUATION OF FORCING US-KUWAITI DUAL NATIONALS TO APPLY FOR US DOCUMENTATION ONLY TO INFORM THEM SEVERAL YEARS LATER THAT THEY HAVE LOST US CITIZENSHIP BECAUSE OF POSSESSION OF KUWAITI PASSPORT. IT IS EVEN POSSIBLE TO IMAGINE SITUATION IN WHICH BOTH NATIONALITIES WOULD BE LOST. BUT EVEN FORMER SITUATION MENTIONED ABOVE WILL RIGHTLY ENGENDER CONSIDERABLE ILL-WILL AMONG THE MOST PRO-AMERICAN SECTOR OF KUWAIT -- ILL-WILL WHICH WE CAN ILL-AFFORD IN THIS SENSITIVE COUNTRY. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON PROCEDURES WE MAY FOLLOW

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IN THIS CASE. SPECIFICALLY, POST WOULD LIKE TO KNOW: (A) IF

AL-REFAI TAKES OATH OF RENUNCIATION WHILE STILL UNDER 18, MAY
POST ISSUE HIM A VISA IN HIS KUWAITI PASSPORT? (B) WILL THE
OATH OF RENUNCIATION TAKEN WHEN UNDER 18 HAVE TO BE REPEATED
IF HE AGAIN APPLIES FOR A VISA WHEN OVER 18?

4. REQUEST EARLY REPLY BECAUSE OF EARLY PLANNED DEPARTURE AND
PROMINENCE OF FAMILY.
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